

Meeting Minutes - Draft

Joint MTC ABAG Legislation Committee

Jesse Arreguin, Chair Vacant, Vice Chair

Members

*Eddie Ahn, David Canepa, Cindy Chavez, Damon Connolly,
Pat Eklund, Barbara Halliday, Dave Hudson, Sam Liccardo,
Gordon Mar, Karen Mitchoff, Alfredo Pedroza,
David Rabbitt, Belia Ramos, and Jim Spering*

Non-Voting Members

Dorene M. Giacomini and Vacant

Friday, March 12, 2021

9:45 AM

Board Room - 1st Floor (REMOTE)

1. Roll Call / Confirm Quorum

Present: 13 - Committee Member Liccardo, Acting Chair Arreguin, Committee Member Halliday, Committee Member Eklund, Committee Member Connolly, Committee Member Spering, Committee Member Ahn, Committee Member Pedroza, Committee Member Rabbitt, Committee Member Mitchoff, Committee Member Ramos, Committee Member Chavez and Committee Member Canepa

Absent: 2 - Committee Member Hudson and Committee Member Mar

Non-Voting Member Present: Commissioner Giacomini

Ex Officio Voting Member Present: Commission Vice Chair Josefowitz

Ad Hoc Non-Voting Member Present: Commissioner Worth

2. Consent Calendar

Upon the motion by Committee Member Chavez and second by Committee Member Liccardo, the Consent Calendar was unanimously approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 13 - Committee Member Liccardo, Acting Chair Arreguin, Committee Member Halliday, Committee Member Eklund, Committee Member Connolly, Committee Member Spering, Committee Member Ahn, Committee Member Pedroza, Committee Member Rabbitt, Committee Member Mitchoff, Committee Member Ramos, Committee Member Chavez and Committee Member Canepa

Absent: 2 - Committee Member Hudson and Committee Member Mar

2a. [21-0315](#) Approval of Joint MTC ABAG Legislation Committee Minutes of the February 12, 2021 Meeting

Action: Committee Approval

Attachments: [2a Joint LEGIS Minutes Feb 12 2021.pdf](#)

2b. [21-0316](#) Legislative History

Detailed list of bills the ABAG and MTC are tracking in Sacramento, including those ABAG or MTC supports or opposes.

Action: Information

Presenter: Rebecca Long

Attachments: [2b_Mar Leg History.pdf](#)

2c. [21-0355](#) MTC Resolution No. 3931, Revised - Policy Advisory Council Appointment

Action: MTC Commission Approval

Presenter: Marti Paschal

Attachments: [2c_MTC Res. 3931_Council Appointment Frank Welte.pdf](#)

3. State Legislation

3a. [21-0318](#) Advocacy Principles to Guide Legislation Aimed at Improving the Bay Area's Transit System

Advocacy principles to guide MTC's legislative advocacy regarding Assemblymember Chiu's anticipated 2021 legislation aimed at improving the performance and connectivity of the Bay Area's public transit system.

Action: Support / Commission Approval

Presenter: Rebecca Long

Attachments: [3a Principles for Transit Transformation Legislation.pdf](#)
[3a Correspondence Principles for Transit Transformation Legislation.pdf](#)

Written public comments were received from:
Seamless Bay Area

The following members of the public were called to speak:
Ian Griffiths of Seamless Bay Area; Roland Lebrun; Aleta Dupree; and Adina Levin of Seamless Bay Area.

Upon the motion by Committee Member Rabbitt and second by Committee Member Mitchoff, a support position on Advocacy Principles to Guide Legislation Aimed at Improving the Bay Area's Transit System was adopted to be forwarded to the Commission for approval. The motion carried unanimously by the following vote:

Aye: 13 - Committee Member Liccardo, Acting Chair Arreguin, Committee Member Halliday, Committee Member Eklund, Committee Member Connolly, Committee Member Spering, Committee Member Ahn, Committee Member Pedroza, Committee Member Rabbitt, Committee Member Mitchoff, Committee Member Ramos, Committee Member Chavez and Committee Member Canepa

Absent: 2 - Committee Member Hudson and Committee Member Mar

3b. [21-0346](#) Assembly Bill 455 (Bonta): Bay Bridge Fast Forward Program

Requires the Bay Area Toll Authority (BATA) to identify, plan and deliver a set of projects and plans to speed up bus and very high occupancy vehicle (HOV) travel in the San Francisco-Oakland Bay Bridge corridor.

Action: Support and Seek Amendments / MTC Commission Approval

Presenter: Rebecca Long

Attachments: [3b AB 455 Bonta Support and Seek Amends.pdf](#)

[3b Corrospodence Part 1 MTC ABAG Legislative Committee - Agenda #3b AB455-Support Bay Bridge Fast Forward.pdf](#)
[3b Corrospodence-Part 2 MTC ABAG Legislative Committee - Agenda #3b AB455-Support Bay Bridge Fast Forward.pdf](#)

Written public comments were received from:

Dan Allison-Support; Allison Arieff-Support; Alan Billingsley-Support; Kyle Borland-Support; Scott Burger-Support; Scot Conner-Support; Andrea Davis-Support; Pablo Diaz-Gutierrez-Support; Joshua Ehrlich-Support; George Foster-Support; Rosana Francescato-Support; Patrick Gaarder-Support; Jane Gk-Support; Tony Hawke-Support; Brendan Irvine-Broque-Support; Nishant Kheterpal-Support; Shawn Lee-Support; Hunter Oatman-Stanford-Support; Kerby Olsen-Support; Connor Regan-Support; Ariele Scharff-Support; Elliott Schwimmer-Support; David Shere-Support; Pete Swearengen-Support; Alfred Twu-Support; Neil Williams-Support; Arly Cassidy-Support; Mary Thomasmeyer-Support; Jeffrey Lu-Support; Remi Tan-Support; Jennifer Anderson-Support; Aaron VanDevender-Support; Donovan Lacy-Support; Aaron Webber-Support; Jonathan Korn-Support; Nathan H. Leung-Support; Helen Pellegrin-Support; Simon Tan-Support; Shanan Delp-Support; Sarah Boudreau-Support; Jordan Schalich-Support; Kathryn Hedges; Stephanie Beechem-Support; Kristal Caidoy-Support; Staly Chin-Support; Martin Kazinski; and Pavel Kovalev-Support.

The following members of the public were called to speak:

Jonathon Kass of SPUR and Aleta Dupree.

Upon the motion by Committee Member Canepa and second by Committee Member Liccardo, a support and seek amendments position on AB 455 (Bonta) was adopted to be forwarded to the Commission for approval. The motion carried unanimously by the following vote:

Aye: 13 - Committee Member Liccardo, Acting Chair Arreguin, Committee Member Halliday, Committee Member Eklund, Committee Member Connolly, Committee Member Spering, Committee Member Ahn, Committee Member Pedroza, Committee Member Rabbitt, Committee Member Mitchoff, Committee Member Ramos, Committee Member Chavez and Committee Member Canepa

Absent: 2 - Committee Member Hudson and Committee Member Mar

3c. [21-0391](#) Senate Bill 623 (Newman): Electronic Toll and Transit Fare Collection Systems

Clarifies provisions in state law to affirm the ability of transportation agencies to use and share information necessary for the operation of toll facilities and electronic transit fare collection systems in California.

Action: Support / MTC Commission Approval

Presenter: Rebecca Long

Attachments: [3c_SB 623 Toll Collection Support.pdf](#)

Aleta Dupree was called to speak.

Upon the motion by Committee Member Spering and second by Committee Member Mitchoff, a support position on SB 623 (Newman) was adopted to be forwarded to the Commission for approval. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 12 - Acting Chair Arreguin, Committee Member Halliday, Committee Member Eklund, Committee Member Connolly, Committee Member Spering, Committee Member Ahn, Committee Member Pedroza, Committee Member Rabbitt, Committee Member Mitchoff, Committee Member Ramos, Committee Member Chavez and Committee Member Canepa

Absent: 3 - Committee Member Liccardo, Committee Member Hudson and Committee Member Mar

3d. [21-0393](#) Resiliency/Climate Adaptation Advocacy Principles

Adopt advocacy principles to guide legislative engagement on climate adaptation legislation, including but not limited to: Assembly Bill 11 (Ward), Assembly Bill 50 (Boerner-Horvath), and Assembly Bill 51 (Quirk) and Assembly Bill 897 (Mullin) as well as resilience-related bond proposals, Assembly Bill 1500 (Garcia) and Senate Bill 45 (Portantino).

Action: Support / ABAG Executive Board Approval
Support / MTC Commission Approval

Presenter: Rebecca Long

Attachments: [3d_Adaptation Principles.pdf](#)

Upon the motion by Committee Member Halliday and second by Committee Member Eklund, a support position on the Resiliency/Climate Adaptation Advocacy Principles was adopted to be forwarded to the ABAG Executive Board and MTC Commission for approval, respectively. The motion carried unanimously by the following vote:

Aye: 11 - Committee Member Liccardo, Acting Chair Arreguin, Committee Member Halliday, Committee Member Eklund, Committee Member Connolly, Committee Member Ahn, Committee Member Pedroza, Committee Member Rabbitt, Committee Member Ramos, Committee Member Chavez and Committee Member Canepa

Absent: 4 - Committee Member Hudson, Committee Member Spering, Committee Member Mitchoff and Committee Member Mar

4. Federal Legislation

4a. [21-0317](#) Washington D.C. Legislative Update

Report on key legislative, funding and political developments over the past month from Washington, D.C. prepared by the Summit Strategies team.

Action: Information

Presenter: Georgia Gann Dohrmann

Attachments: [4a MTC February Washington Report.pdf](#)

5. Public Comment / Other Business

6. Adjournment / Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Joint MTC ABAG Legislation Committee will be Friday, April 9, 2021 at 9:45 a.m. remotely and by webcast as appropriate depending on the status of any shelter in place orders. Any changes to the schedule will be duly noticed to the public.